

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL FORCES REGIMENT



**Lieutenant General
John F. Mulholland
U.S. Army, Retired**

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Lieutenant General (Retired) John F. Mulholland was born in Clovis, New Mexico, but grew up in Bethesda, Maryland. Upon graduation from Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina, in 1978, Lt. Gen. Mulholland earned a Bachelor of Arts in History and was commissioned as an Infantry Second Lieutenant in the United States Army.

His first post was with the 193rd Infantry Brigade in the former Panama Canal Zone, where he served as a rifle platoon leader, weapons platoon leader and company executive officer in both 4th Battalion (Mechanized), 20th Infantry (Sykes Regulars) and Company A (Airborne), 3rd Battalion, 5th Infantry. Following completion of the Infantry Officer Advanced Course at Fort Benning, Georgia, he moved to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to attend the Special Forces Qualification Course. Upon graduation in September 1983, then-Captain Mulholland joined the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Project B-500. After joining Special Forces, Mulholland commanded at the Operational Detachment Alpha, Company, Battalion/Squadron and Group levels. Additionally, he served in other special operations assignments including Special Operations Command South (Panama) as well as the Operations Officer at 1st Special Operational Detachment-Delta (Airborne). Following attendance at the National War College, then-Col. Mulholland assumed command of the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. In the immediate aftermath of the attacks of 9/11, Col. Mulholland commanded the Joint Special Operations Task Force-North (Task Force Dagger) in the opening days of Operation Enduring Freedom and Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-West (Task Force Dagger) in the initial campaign of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He subsequently served as the Chief, Office of Military Cooperation-Kuwait, as Commanding General, United States Army Special Forces Command (Airborne), as Deputy Commanding General, Joint Special Operations Command, as Commanding General, Special Operations Command Central, and as the Commanding General, United States Army Special Operations Command. Prior to assuming his duties as the Associate Director of Military Affairs, Central Intelligence Agency, Lt. Gen. Mulholland served as the 15th Deputy Commander, United States Special Operations Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. He served as the Associate Director of the CIA for Military Affairs, Langley, Virginia as his last assignment on active duty.

Since retiring from the Army, Lt. Gen. Mulholland and his wife, Miriam, have formed Mulholland Consulting, LLC through which they hope to continue contributing to the betterment of our country.

Lt. Gen. Mulholland's awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal with three Bronze oak-leaf clusters, the Legion of Merit with bronze oak-leaf cluster, the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with bronze oak-leaf cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with two bronze oak-leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with three bronze oak-leaf clusters, the Joint Service Achievement Medal with two bronze oak-leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with bronze oak-leaf cluster, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, the Military Free Fall Parachutist Badge, the Ranger Tab, the Special Forces Tab and the Pathfinder Badge.

Lt. Gen. Mulholland is married to the former Miriam Mitchell, and they have four children, and reside in Alexandria, Virginia.